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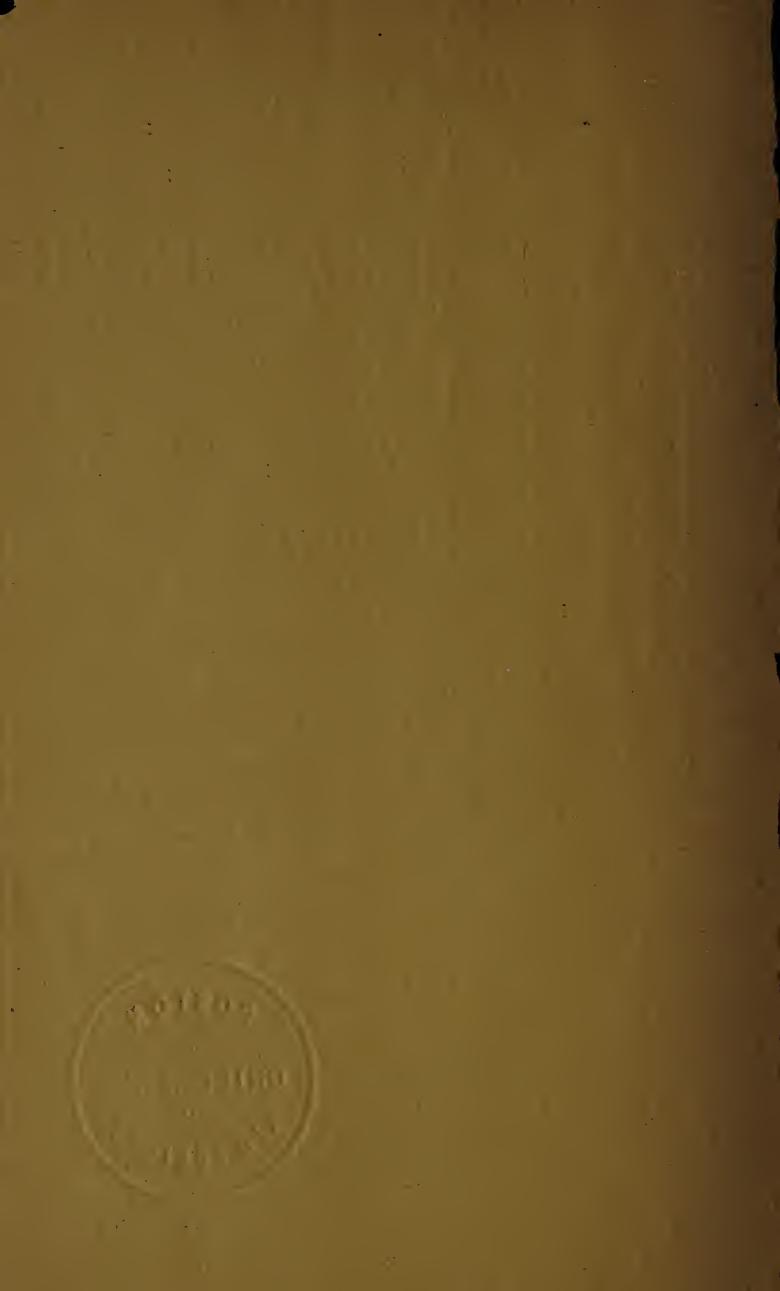
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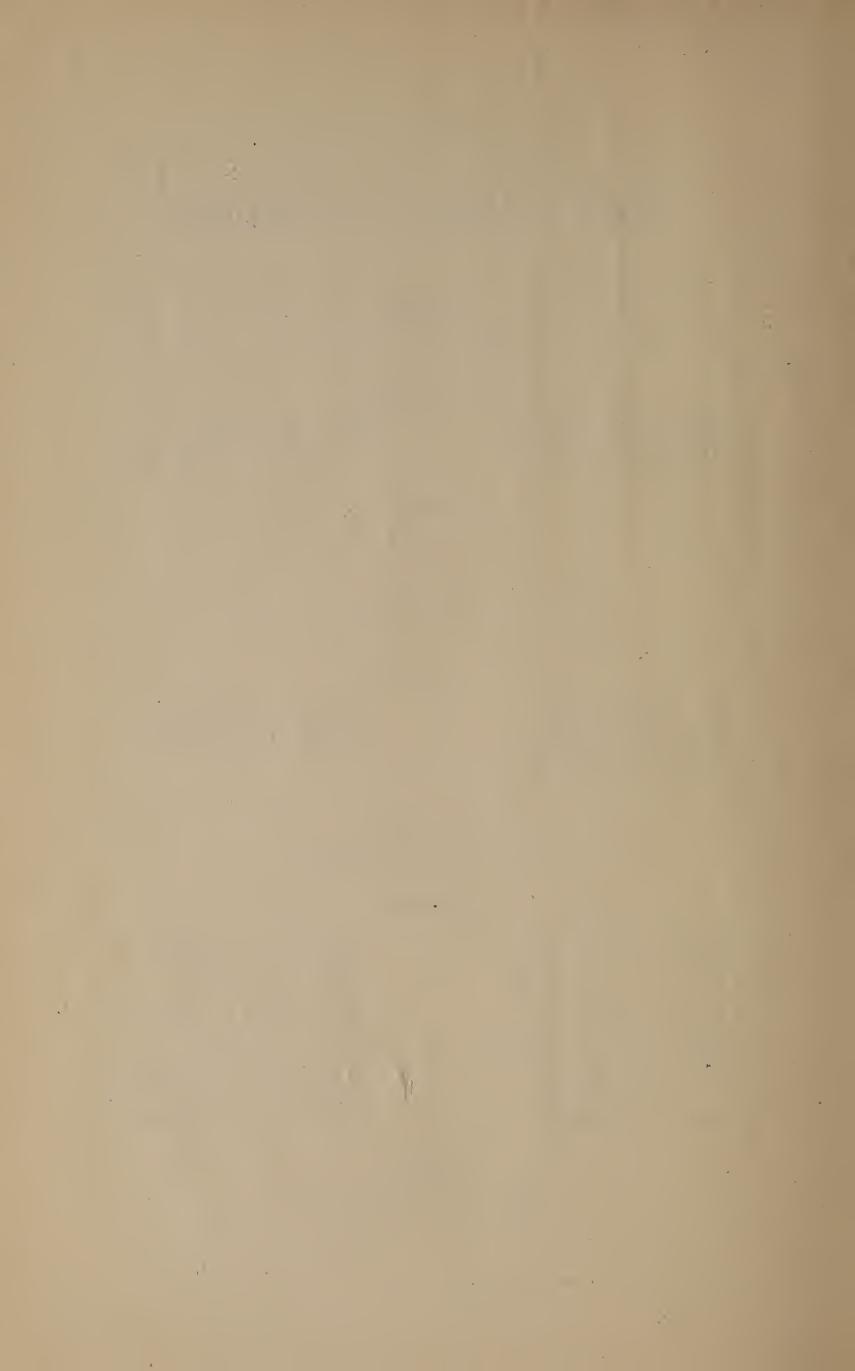
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. SARAH HAYWARD, SUSAN B. HOLWAY, FRANCES S. KETTELLE, RUTH SEVERANCE, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the "LADIES' AMERICAN HOME-EDUCATION SOCIETY AND TEMPERANCE UNION," to be established in Boston, in the County of Suffolk, for the purpose of establishing a Home and a school, to aid in the support and education of indigent youth, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to alk the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. Said corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest, or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purpose aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided that the whole amount of real and personal property held and possessed by the said corporation shall not exceed in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

House of Representatives, April 15, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

ENSIGN H. KELLOGG, Speaker.

IN SENATE, April 16, 1850.

Passed to be enacted.

MARSHALL P. WILDER, President.

Approved. April 16, 1850.

GEORGE N. BRIGGS.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, April 18, 1850.

I hereby certify the forgoing to be a true copy of the original act.

WM. TUFTS, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Ladies' American Home-Education Society and Temperance Union."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The "Ladies' American Home Education Society and Temperance Union," a corporation established in Boston, under the provisions of chapter two hundred and eleven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, shall be known as the "Nickerson Home for Children," on and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Approved March 11, 1880.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I, A. B., do give and bequeath to the "NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN," the sum of for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof to the general object of the Home. And I do direct that a receipt, signed by the President and Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

CONSTITUTION.

This Home shall be called the NICKERSON HOME FOR CHILDREN. ART. 2. Its object shall be to provide a home for destitute children, especially half orphans, when their homes are suddenly broken up by death, where they can enjoy all the comforts of a well regulated family, and be instructed, not only physically, but intellectually and religiously. For the privilege of such a home, a small board will be required, which, although not enough for the child's support, will serve to give to parents the feeling that he or she is doing what they can for the support of their little ones. A limited number of children, which will be increased as our means shall permit, will be admitted to the Home free of charge. Parents or friends may visit the children at the Home free of charge. Parents or friends may visit the children at the Home, or may remove them from it whenever their circumstances will warrant their assuming their children's support.

ART. 3. Any person paying one dollar annually shall be a member. The payment of twenty-five dollars at one time, shall constitute a life membership.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President and Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors, and sixteen Managers, one of whom shall officiate as Librarian. Five shall be chosen annually as Trustees, of whom the President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a part. At any regular meeting convened, any number of the Officers and Managers present may be competent to proceed with the business in thirty minutes after the appointed

hour, and five may constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the President, in concurrence with the Committee, to call all special meetings, and to preside at meetings of the Board of Managers, each of which is to be opened with prayer. In the absence of the

President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society and Board of Managers; and at each meeting for business she shall read the record of the last preceding meeting. She shall, on special occasions, notify the members of the Board, and shall assist in any other duties the Board of Managers may assign.

ART. 7. The Treasurer shall keep an account of the money received and

expended, and shall present the bills due against the Home at each meeting of the Board, to be approved by them and signed by the President. She shall make a written report annually to the Managers. Such assistance shall be allowed to the Treasurer in collecting of funds, keeping of books, etc., as the Board of Managers shall deem expedient.

ART. 8. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers held the first Thursday in January, at 3 o'clock, P. M., when the officers shall be chosen once in five years; but the office of each lady will only be held by the faithful fulfilment of their official duties. An Annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, the report from the Board of Managers read, vacancies upon the Board filled, and such other business transacted as may come before them. Meetings of the Managers are holden at 3 o'clock, P. M., on the first Thursday of every month; Quarterly Meetings of the Board of Managers the first Thursday of October, January, April and July, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the Home.

It shall be the duty of some one or two of the Trustees to meet weekly or oftener at the Home, to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family, and to take charge of the financial affairs generally pertaining to the Home; to transact business, so far as practicable, with individuals who may wish to place children under the patronage of the Home, together with other important daily visits made at the Home, which require to be recorded and promptly reported at the meetings of the Board of Managers for their action.

ART. 10. Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a majority of

the members present at the Annual Meeting.

LIFE MEMBERS.

[Those marked with a * have deceased.]

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DONATIONS

To the Home for 1899.

Alfred Pierce & Co., 11 cases of germ meal and I bbl. salt.

Foulds' Milling Co., 2½ cases germ meal.

Mrs. Alfred Pierce, valuable clothing. Oriental Tea Company, tea and coffee. Miss Walker, 42 aprons, 62 pairs of drawers, 4 doz. towels, 29 flannel skirts.

Jones, McDuffee & Stratton, crockery and glass ware.

Abram French Co., crockery and glass

B. T. Babbitt & Co., I case baking powder.

H. & S., 3 lbs. of tea. A bbl. of pears.

Shapleigh Coffee Co., 10 lbs. of cocoa and coffee.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham, clothing.

Mrs. Wm. Kellar, clothing.

Mrs. Edward B. Wilder, clothing.

Mrs. G. B. Howard, clothing and rubber boots.

Mrs. Theodore Nickerson, clothing. Bromfield Street Church, clothing.

Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild, clothing.

Provident Association, 2 suits, 2 pair

Rev. D. W. Waldron, Easter cards.

Parker Memorial, flowers.

Milk Inspectors, milk.

Mr. G. B. Howard, meat and bananas. Rev. Edward Davies, clothing and apples.

Dr. Chas. Bullard, music box.

W. L. Lane, 1 bbl. pears. Mr. Edward B. Wilder, pears.

Master Ned Wilder, toys and candy for Christmas.

Misses Wilder, Christmas toys,

Miss A. G. Chase, clothing.

Miss L. C. Chase, clothing.

Daisy Tripp, \$2.00.

Mrs. Paffs, Franklin St, Cambridgeport, 2 bundles.

Mrs. F. A. Leeds, Newton, 3 bundles.

Mrs. D. D. Leeds, 321 Franklin St., Cambridgeport, 3 bundles.

Mrs. Wilson, Boston, 1 cloak.

Thomas Cunningham, box of candy

Friend in North Abington, children's rubbers.

Miss Spear, Neponset, sundries.

Friend in Boston, coffee, baking powder, etc.

E. Geisser, Dorchester Avenue, 12 pairs of stockings.

Mrs. Ella Bumstead, Ashmont, chil-

dren's clothing.
Thomas Wood & Co., State St., tea.

Winslow Rand & Co., tea.

John Nickerson, 15 lbs. coffee.

Nathan A. Fitch, chickens.

S. S. Pierce, bbl. of flour.

C. D. Cobb Aldrich Co., bbl. of flour.

T. E. Holway & Co., bbl. of apples. W. E. Legg & Co., I turkey. James Morse, box of soap.

L. M. Dyer, 15 lbs. of lamb.

Lowell Bros. & Bailey, 2 bbls. of apples.

J. E. Delany, box vegetables. W. H. Bourne, Milford, dry goods.

W. H. Butler Co., stockings.

Winslow, Rand & Watson, 10 lbs. tea.

Geo. Legg, 1 turkey. Henry L. Laurens, 2 turkeys.

Mr. Delay, flowers.

Friend, flowers and pictures.

Friend, stationery.

C. H. Shirley, \$1.00 for Thanksgiving. North Packing Co., 1 ham.

Eugene Niles, 1 ham.

W. W. & C. R. Noyes, bbl. of apples. Patch & Roberts, 6 baskets of grapes. Charles Lawrence, box of raisins.

Alonzo Knight, doz. of can preserves. Hartson Son, essences.

Whittemore Bros. Co., I doz. of gilt edge.

Geo. F. Jewett, meat canned goods. Crosby Bros., box of butter.

John P. Squire, 1 ham. Howard W. Spurr & Co., bbl. of sweet potatoes. Gaut Co., cake, etc. McLellan & Brigham, bushel peanuts. Barnard & Rich, 25 lbs. of fresh fish. L. J. Sturtevant, 2 turkeys. Cutler Co., medicine, essence. Nathan Robbin Hardy Co., 1 turkey. D. Atwood Co., 2 gallons of oysters. Mrs. Gardner, Milford, hats. Haley & Lynde, 15 lbs. beef. Hiram Dewar, Star Store, package of Swain Earle & Co., 40 lbs. of starch. Shattuck & Jones, 25 lbs. of fish. Isaac Locke, fruit, vegetables often. D. W. Keyes, half bushel of beans. Dempsey Co., beef, etc.

Curtis Co., bbl. of apples.

C. F. Stahl, box of candy.

Friends, clothing.

S. T. Fletcher, 10 lb. box of butter.

Cobb Bates & Yerxa, 10 lbs. of tea. C. E. Osgood, 1 rug.

H. M. Saunders and friend, scissors. Miss Pie, and friend, Taunton, dolls.

H. & R. Atwood, 2 gallons of oysters.

King Co., Boston, paper and frames. Low & Co., pictures. Outing Club, Milford, clothing. Friend, tea, clothing and hats. S. H. Wilkins, roast beef. C. M. Ryder, shoulder. L. H. Johnson & Co., salt fish. Glines Co., coffee.

Dwinell Wright Co., 10 lbs. coffee. Hanson & Ricker, box of figs. Bush & Matthews, 25 lbs, fresh fish. S. B. King, box of onions. Curtis Davis Co., box of soap. Vay Co., corn beef. Charles E. Moody, box of raisins. Avery and Walden, bbl. of squash. James H. Dillaway, meats etc. Friend, bbl. of squash. E. Johnson, bbl. turnips and potatoes. Mr. Stone, Waltham, hats. G. A. Folsom & Co., 5 lbs. coffee. Eaton & Eustis, 5 baskets of grapes. Rumford, baking powder, etc. Knight & Mitchell, cake. Friend, pickles. Cobb Aldrich Co., box of candy. St. Andrews Sewing Circle, Hanover, Mass., \$1.00.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Two ciphers, insignificant until placed at the right of certain other characters, give us the keynote for work, as Managers of the Nickerson Home we enter upon the threshold of a New Century, and the year 1900.

They suggest the idea that anyone, be he rich or poor, feeble or strong, ignorant or learned has some special niche to fill, some special work to do, and a special time in which to do the work of the Master.

Just now it is our duty, as a Society, to keep our donors and friends in touch with the work of the officers and inmates of the Nickerson Home for Children, during the year which has just passed, in order that they may the better judge of the future wants of a growing Society.

The year 1899 has been one of financial struggle, owing to the depression in business centres, and the removal by death of several of our liberal donors. Yet, before the year closed, by the timely efforts of new friends who interested themselves in Parlor Sales and in the Annual Sale of the Society which was held this year in the Harvard Street Chapel, because of sickness at the Home at 14 Tyler Street, affairs seemed to brighten, as can be seen by a glance at the financial sheet of the Report.

The visitors appointed to inspect the Home each month have given satisfactory reports as to the sanitary conditions of dormitories and work departments.

The Matron, Mrs. Lola Holway, has tried to adjust herself to her special niche in the Home, by being faithful in administering to the ever recurring wants of its inmates, as well as answering the various calls for admittance to the Home which have come from different parts of the State and country. She has won the love and confidence of the children in an unusual degree, and also holds the esteem of all her co-workers.

Our Home has been a haven of rest to many anxious parents the past year; for we have cared for one hundred and two children during this time, fifty-eight having entered this year. Some of the little ones have been placed in good homes. Two children, Eddy White and Ella Holland, were sent to Maine, and when visited by our Matron were found to be in very comfortable circumstances.

We have received glowing accounts of Eddy White who has been away from us nearly two years. These came from friends in the village where he lives, and one of our older girls has been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Everett, who intend to educate her liberally in music and other studies.

The inmates of our Home have had their usual pleasure trips during vacation time.

The Rev. M. R. Deming called for the children in a large barge and took them to Beachmont for a week's outing.

Then there was a day at Reading where the children were entertained by the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

There was the customary trip to Nantasket. Mr. Wade of the Ocean House kindly giving the dinner, while the Rev. Mr. Waldron furnished tickets for the trip.

The Misses Dorothy Dowse, Margery Davis, Elizabeth Alley, Dora Burr, Hattie Seaver, Clara Greenwood, May Lamson, Nancy Adams, Katrina Cutter, of West Newton, who have an Annual Sale on Mrs. Dowse's lawn with the purpose of giving some less fortunate children country air, gave this year the proceeds amounting to one hundred and ten dollars to the Nickerson Home, that our children might have a vacation. Twelve were sent on July 5th to Norton to stay ten days. At the end of that time ten others took the place of all but two who were frail and most in need of change. The rest stayed through the whole twenty days. All came back brown and hearty.

Two other young girls in Arlington, the Misses Gray and Hardy, had a fair which netted forty (40) dollars. This amount was kindly given to the Home for the benefit of the children.

In addition to all this kindly interest for those who have been providentially placed under our care during the year, we have to record various gifts to our Home.

The Young Ladies' Society of the Old South Church have again generously remembered us.

Mr. Alfred Pierce furnished us with all our germ meal, while Mrs. Pierce has given us much valuable clothing.

A music box presented by Dr. Bullard we trust will bring gladness into the hearts of both boys and girls for many days to come.

And if the children could speak for themselves they would say, "Don't forget to thank those kind people who sent us the fruit and vegetables and fowl for our Thanksgiving time, nor that jolly Santa Claus who filled our stockings with dolls and jack knives and things that couldn't speak, and then invited us to a great spread under a Christmas Tree at the Bromfield Street Methodist Church, where we had so many things we didn't know what to do unless we turned ourselves into milliners, dressmakers and Sloyd carvers."

To the Society from Hingham who sent us articles of clothing, and to Mrs. G. B. Howard of Somerville, who has clothed our little Tommy for a year, and to Master Ned Wilder who saved his pennies for a year, in order to remember the children at Christmas, as well as to other kind donors and friends, we would return our thanks.

We would also gratefully remember Dr. Galvin of the Emergency Hospital, who has always been willing to give any medical assistance which the children have needed through the year.

As we enter very soon upon another century, we feel that it needs not the pictured hour-glass of Time, guarded by the wings of a bird to remind us of the flight of years. We have only to recall the loved faces of many of our co-laborers in this work who have gone to their reward, in order to say with Browning:

"The beginning shall suffice
The aim if reached or not makes great the life."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Managers,

GARAFELIA M. DAWSON,

Secretary.

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	\$4,519.26	220 00	00.06	1,568.25	40.10	300.00 Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1900, 45.50	334.90 Current Expenses, 2,784.76	Children's Outing to Norton,	146.00 Help in Home,	466.00 Printing Annals,	1,025.10	Ransire on Home	To water tax, fuel and light,
	\$4,519.26	220 00	00.06	· · · 1,568.25	40.10	 	. 334.90	. 186.00	146.00	466.00	Subscriptions and Donations Miss C. L. Boswell, 1,025.16 Repairs on Home,	,	\$32.85

Mrs. MARY M. HOLWAY, Treasurer.

The above account has been examined and found correct.

CHAS. H. BESTWICK, Auditor.

PAST AND PRESENT

DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

SUMS OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS.

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Adams, Seth
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Bryant, Seth
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Blanchard, Alfred Bates, Ives G.
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Brown, Charles R.
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Salisbury, D. W.
Samuel, Prof. H., Kansas City
Stickney & Por. Mr. J. B., Boston Sears, Miss E. E.
S. & P.
Standish, Mrs. L. M.
Smith & Engel
Sanborn, J. W. Sanborn, J. Sweet, B. D. Sweet, B. D.

Smith, James M., So. Boston
Sears, Mrs. Z.
Stearns, Mrs. J. P., Brookline
Shuman, A. & Co.
Slack, Mrs. E. A., Brookline
Stearns, Miss M. E., Brookline.
Sturtevant, Mrs. B. L., Jamaica Plain
Sleeper, F. H.
Shattuck, Miss M. S.
Smith, Patterson & Co.
Stearns, Mrs. J. G., Brookline.

Taft, W. A. Thayer, Miss Thayer, E.V. R. Tyson, George Tyson, George
Thomas, J. B.
Thayer, N.
Thayer, John E.
Turner, A. T., Jr.
Torrey, M. A.
Turner, E. C.
Thayer, Mrs. J. H.
Taylor, Charles H.
Turner, A. M.
Thomas, Oscar G., Taunton
Thayer, Bayard

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Thomas, Joseph B. Tilton, S. & Co. Thomas, W. B. Townsend, F. A. *Tower, W. A.

Usher, Samuel

Van Nostrand, W. Vining, Wm. H., Whitman *Vose, Charles

Whitney, N. D.
Weston, Mrs. D. M.
Whittemore, Cabot & Co.
Whitney, Charles
Whidden, Miss G. M.
Wolf, Bernard M.
Woodbury, Rufus H., Beverly
White, Miss Susan J.
Willis, J. D. K.
Wanson, A. H., Gloucester
Wires, E. I., Milford
Whiton, M. F. & Co.
Woodbury, H. O., Beverly
Wood, Rufus
Wade, L. C.
Williams, M.
Wilder, Hon. Marshall P.
Winsor, H., Jr.
Wing, B. F., Maryland
Waitt, Henry
Warren Warren Warren, F. Warren, G. H. Warren, F.
Warren, G. H.
Williams, C. A.
Whitmore, C. O.
Wilder, H. A.
Wilcox, Mrs. W. H., Malden
Whidden, A. J., East Boston
Wheeler, Miss S. E.
Woods, Henry, Sons & Co.
Wilder, Edward B.
Wilder, Misses
Woodbury, Charles
Wales, J. H.
Warren, S. D., Estate of
Wonson, Arthur S., Gloucester
Wier Stove Co., Taunton
Waterston, Mrs. R. C.
Whitney, Miss M.
W. T.
Webber, Mrs. A. D.
Wilkins, S. F.
Whitney, H. M.
Winthrop, Hon. R. C.
Whitney, R. H.
Walworth, Mrs. C. C., Brooklee
Walworth, A. C.

THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN ONE LIST \mathbf{OF} HUNDRED DOLLARS AT A TIME TO THE HOME.

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- Foster, Mr. John
 * Sleeper, Hon. Jacob
 Lawrence, Mr. Abbott
- Lawrence, Amos A. Shaw, Mrs. G. Howland
- * Brimmer, Hon. Martin Nickerson, Mr. George A. Hartt, Mrs. J. F. * Davis, Mrs. E. Sleeper. Fuller, Mrs. C. A. * Nickerson, A. W.



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Items of Interest Regarding the Home.

As letters are often sent to the Home from appreciative friends, and from the children who have gone away to other Homes, we have thought best to give a space in our Report hereafter to such correspondence.

Our children as is well known attend the Bromfield Street Methodist Church and Sunday School, and we are glad to insert here a letter to the children from Rev. John Galbraith, their friend and pastor.

Bromfield Street Methodist Episcopal Church,
Boston, Mass.

Pastor's residence,
33 Wenonah St., Roxbury, January 15, 1900.

To the Children of the Nickerson Home, Tyler St., Boston, Mass:

My Dear Little Friends:— It is a great pleasure to me to write you a letter. I am not writing to your friends and mine, who have grown up; but just to my little friends who are now in the Home. I talk to you on Sundays at church, and in the Sunday School; and I am always very glad to see you there. When anything happens to keep you away from church, I miss you very much. I look over to the side of the church where you sit, and wonder where my little friends are, and what has happened to them.

Do you know why I do this? Let me tell you. It is because I love you very much; and I want you to grow up and be good men and women. And I know that if you go to church and Sunday School, and learn about Jesus who loves us all so much, that you will love Him; and if you love Him, you will surely be good, and grow up to be good and useful men and women.

Now, I am very glad that you have such a nice home, and such good friends. Do you know how I know that you have a nice home? I know it because you are all so nice and good when you are in church. You behave so nicely there that any one who sees you knows that you must have a very nice home. I am very proud of the good conduct of my little friends. I want you to thank our Heavenly Father with me, because He has put it into the hearts of kind friends to make just such a home. And then let us pray together that many more people may hear Jesus say:" Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

With the very best wishes for you all, and a great deal of love to each one of you, I am lovingly your friend and pastor,

JOHN GALBRAITH.

The following letter from Ella Holland, explains itself and gives a childish picture of delight in the pleasant home to which she has been welcomed. It must have found favor also, with Santa Claus, judging from the many pretty and useful gifts he left there from his Christmas pack.

Brewer, Maine, Dec. 23, 1899.

Dear Mrs. Holway: — We had a lovely Christmas tree, and I had lots of Christmas presents. I had two dolls, a big one and a little one, a doll's bed, a chair, a stove, a set of dishes, three or four games, a swing and doll carriage, and a little rocking chair just big enough for myself, and lots of other things too. I had a little sewing machine too, and a pair of rubbers, an umbrella, a carpet-sweeper, a book, a silver knife, fork and spoon, a cold cream jar, a game of checkers, the donkey party, a box of linen handker-chiefs from Mrs. Holmes, and also several other handkerchiefs.

My doll's bed is for my largest doll. Mrs. Thayer made a little mattress, two sheets and a quilt, bolster and two pillows.

My largest doll came from Boston. The gentleman that boards with Mrs. Holmes paid for it, and Mrs. Thayer's sister, Sue, dressed it. It is dressed very pretty in the latest fashion. It also has a golf cape, and the prettiest little hood you ever saw. I find in looking over my things I have two very pretty Christmas cards, a box of French candy and two photographs. I think that is all of my presents.

Now I am going to tell you about my tree. It just fitted the bay window in the parlor. Mrs. Thayer has been over two weeks dressing it, and every one that has seen it, thinks it is very pretty. We had a party last night of twenty and had a fine time. We had apples, oranges, nuts, candy and cake. We passed the evening with music, singing games and so forth, and broke up at a late hour, wishing all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

For as I said we had our Christmas one day ahead, as Mr. Thayer had to work this afternoon and tonight at the Opera House.

Now I must close, asking your forgiveness for not writing before. Mrs. Thayer wishes me to remember to send her regards to you. From

ELLA HOLLAND.

We were glad to hear personally from Eddie White and know that he feels contented and happy on the farm which is now his home. Our Matron visited him there last summer and heard a most favorable report of Eddie from Mr. Chandler, whom he loves to call familiarly "Uncle John."

While given plenty of time for study and play Mr. Chandler really finds Eddie a great help to him in the farm work. We are very grateful that such a good home has been found for one of our boys. We trust he will grow up to be an honor and a credit to the Nickerson Home, as many others have been who have gone out from its shelter to make their way in the world.

My dear Mrs. Holway, Boys and Girls:—As I am thinking of you, I thought you might sometime think of me, and would like to know how I am getting along in this great big world.

When I came to Maine in August, 1898, to live with Mr. Gregory I was eight years old. I stayed with him till last spring, when he moved from his farm so had little use for a boy. He got

a chance for me with Mr. Chandler (I call him Uncle John) where I have been ever since doing farm work and going to school. I have just commenced my third term since I came here last February. I help take care of the horses, cows and sheep in winter, do farm work summers. In the spring we have to plow. I drive the horses, then after the grain is sowed I ride the harrow and harrow it in.

I stand on the brush and brush the land smooth; then we have potatoes, corn and beans to plant, and then it all has to be cultivated four or five times. I ride or lead the horse.

In haying I rake, with the horse, make the loads on the hayrack, and store the hay away in the barn. After that I have to get the grain and dig the potatoes. I pack them into crates. Sweet corn for the factory has to be broken off, the apples picked and put in the cellar. Then the turnips and beets are pulled and tops cut off, and when there is any time to spare we plow for the next year.

Now I will tell you about some of the good times I have. When Uncle John is willing I go swimming and fishing, and play games with the boys and have them come here and play with me. I have learned to skate and there is a little pond close to the school-house so that every day when the skating is good we scholars go down there and skate, sometimes morning, noon and evening, and I have many other good times. So part of the time I have to work and part of the time I have for play, but I had rather be where I can pay my way than for others to support me, and I hope it may be that some day I can go back to Boston and see you all again.

Yours with much love,

EDDIE O. WHITE,

EAST CORINTH, ME.

December 21st, 1899.

The following letter from Marion, addressed to our Matron, has given us all great pleasure. She had been a long time under our care, and we are very grateful, that so pleasant a home has now opened its doors to receive her.

My Dear Mrs. Holway:— I have been in my new home nearly a month, and have not written to you yet to tell you how much I like it.

I have a lovely mamma and papa and they are very kind to me. I have often longed for a home in which I had a papa and mamma.

Our home is one of the prettiest on the avenue. I have a lovely room, in yellow and white, all to myself. Papa has got me a new piano, and I am going to take music lessons. You know I am very fond of music.

I am going to the Webster School and like it very much. I go to the Baptist Church every Sunday, and to Sunday School.

I often think of the Home and the good times I had with the children. How are Louisa and Annie? I can just remember the day that I came to the Home. How many years have I been in the Home? I must have been a very little girl then. Now I am thirteen years old.

Thank you, mamma Holway, for hanging my stocking, and also Mrs. Nickerson, for filling it. We are expecting you over to see us very soon. I want you to see my new piano.

Your loving

MARION BARNEY JONES, 49 Adams Ave., East Everett.

January 10th, 1900.







